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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Kazuyuki SATO

Application No.: 10/004,888

Filed: December 7, 2001

For: **HARDWARE MANAGEMENT  
APPARATUS**

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) Confirmation No.: 7604  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2005, the period for response extending to November 25, 2005 (November 24, 2005, being a federal holiday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.